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Milton Crane,

68, a professor emeritus of English at George Washington University, where he taught for 21 years before retiring in 1975, died Aug. 12 at the Washington Home. He had pneumonia and Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Crane was born in Hartford, Conn. He graduated from Columbia University and earned his doctorate in English at Harvard University. He moved to Washington in the early 1940s and joined the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. He taught English at the University of Chicago for six years before returning to Washington in 1952.

He worked at the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the State Department from 1952 to 1964. He also taught English part-time at George Washington University during the 1950s. He became a full-time professor at GWU in 1964 and specialized in Shakespearean literature.

Dr. Crane edited a number of anthologies, including "50 Great Short Stories," "50 Great American Short Stories" and "The Roosevelt Era."

His wife, Sibylle Ortmann Crane, died in 1976. Survivors include two sons, John T., of New York City, and Peter G., of Chevy Chase, and one granddaughter.